

CLAIMS

The following claims provided under the heading "Listing of Claims" replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified pending patent application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A system for offering a financial instrument across different types of trading platforms, comprising:

a plurality of trading platforms, at least two of the plurality of trading platforms employing using different trading protocols for exchanging trading information, a trading protocol being a set of rules ~~to enable computers to exchange trading information, the rules including types of messages sent between trading platforms governing how computers of trading platforms communicate and transfer data;~~ and

an interface for linking the plurality of trading platforms to allow an offering of a financial instrument that is posted by a primary initially being posted in a sending trading platform to be simultaneously offered in at least one secondary each of the trading platforms and a particular quantity of the offering to be purchased in any of the trading platforms platform, the offering being posted and sent as a quote message to the interface in accordance with the trading protocol employed by the primary trading platform, the interface including at least one an adapter coupled to for each of the secondary trading platforms, each adapter configured to translate the quote message and include the trading protocol employed by the corresponding trading platform to receive the translated quote message of the adapters allowing the interface to translate messages to the protocol of each of the other trading platforms, each of the secondary other trading platforms receiving the posted offering using their its respective trading protocol, each of the secondary trading platforms having received the translated quote message a receiving trading platform sending back a quote acknowledgement message to the interface via the corresponding adapter coupled thereto using their its respective trading protocol, the interface ensuring that the quote acknowledgement message in the receiving and sending platforms are in agreement sent by a secondary trading platform is in agreement with the primary trading platform.

Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the quote acknowledgment message is generated after receipt of a posted trade ~~trading~~-request to purchase a specified quantity of a specified financial instrument at a specified price.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The system of claim 1, wherein a posted trade request is canceled if the quote acknowledgment message is not received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 5 (original): The system of claim 1, wherein a first trading platform includes a risk management component and a second trading platform includes a trading portal.

Claim 6 (original): The system of claim 1, further including a reporting component for reporting transaction information associated with trading activity

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (currently amended): The system of claim 1, wherein the interface ensures that offering information is uniform in each of the plurality of trading platforms.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The system of claim 8, wherein a change ~~in~~ of pricing information ~~on~~ ~~in~~ one of the plurality of trading platforms causes a corresponding pricing information change on another one of the plurality of ~~in other of the~~ trading platforms.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The system of claim 8, wherein a change ~~in~~ of quantity information ~~on~~ ~~in~~ one of the plurality of trading platforms causes a corresponding quantity information change on another one of the plurality of ~~in other of the~~ trading platforms.

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for offering a financial instrument across different types of trading platforms, at least two of the trading platforms employing using different trading protocols for exchanging trading information, a trading protocol being a set of rules governing how computers of trading platforms communicate and transfer data, said method -to enable computers to exchange trading information, the rules including types of messages sent between trading platforms comprising the steps of:
posting an offering of a financial instrument initially in a primary sending trading platform ~~as a quote message;~~
sending the offering to at least one secondary -as a quote message to each of the
other trading platforms, the primary and secondary trading platforms being linked by an

interface, and the offering being sent to the interface as a quote message in accordance with the trading protocol employed by the primary trading platform;

translating the quote message of the posted offering at the interface, wherein the translation includes the trading protocol employed by the corresponding secondary trading platform to receive the translated quote message; and from the protocol of the sending trading platform into the protocol of each of the other trading platforms;

displaying the posted offering simultaneously in each of the other trading platforms so as to allow a particular quantity of the offering to be purchased in any of the trading platforms;

receiving in each of the other trading platforms the posted offering using its respective trading protocol;

receiving at the interface sending back from each of the other trading platforms a quote acknowledgement message from the secondary trading platform having received the translated quote message, the quote acknowledgement message being sent to the interface in accordance with the trading protocol employed by the secondary trading platform, using its respective protocol; and

ensuring that the quote acknowledgement message in the receiving and sending platforms are in agreement.

Claim 12 (canceled)

Claim 13 (currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein the quote acknowledgment message is generated after receipt of a posted trade trading request to purchase a specified quantity of a specified financial instrument at a specified price.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The method of claim 11, wherein a posted trade request is canceled if the quote acknowledgment message is not received within a predetermined time period.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 11, wherein a first trading platform includes a risk management component and a second trading platform includes a trading portal.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 11, further including the step of reporting transaction information associated with trading activity.

Claim 17 (currently amended): A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable on the machine to perform method steps for offering a financial instrument across different types of trading platforms, at least two of the trading platforms employing using different trading protocols for exchanging trading information, a trading protocol being a set of rules governing how computers of trading platforms communicate and transfer data, said to enable computers to exchange trading information, the rules including types of messages sent between trading platforms, the method steps comprising:

- posting an offering of a financial instrument initially in a primary sending trading platform;
- sending the offering to at least one secondary as a quote message to each of the other trading platforms, the primary and secondary trading platforms being linked by an interface, and the offering being sent to the interface as a quote message in accordance with the trading protocol employed by the primary trading platform;

translating the quote message of the posted offering at the interface, wherein the translation includes the trading protocol employed by the corresponding secondary trading platform to receive the translated quote message; and from the protocol of the sending trading platform into the protocol of each of the other trading platforms;

displaying the posted offering simultaneously in each of the other trading platforms so as to allow a particular quantity of the offering to be purchased in any of the trading platforms;

receiving in each of the other trading platforms the posted offering using its respective trading protocol;

receiving at the interface sending back from each of other trading platforms a quote acknowledgement message from the secondary trading platform having received the translated quote message, the quote acknowledgement message being sent to the interface in accordance with the trading protocol employed by the secondary trading platform using its respective protocol; and

ensuring that the quote acknowledgement message in the sending and receiving platforms are in agreement.